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Docket No.: 19603/3331 (CRF D-2634A)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants : Barany et al.)
Serial No. : 09/998,481)
Cnfrm. No. : 6387)
Filed : November 30, 2001)
For : DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID)
DIFFERENCES USING COMBINED)
ENDONUCLEASE CLEAVAGE AND)
LIGATION REACTIONS)

Examiner:
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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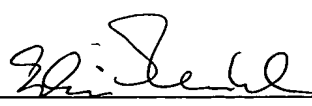
Dear Sir:

In response to the September 30, 2003, written restriction requirement, applicants hereby elect Group I (i.e., claims 1-90 and 155) with traverse. However, applicants submit that the claimed subject matter of the two groups identified in the outstanding office action are closely related and, therefore, would require common areas of search and consideration. Accordingly, no benefit is derived from maintaining the restriction requirement and withdrawal of the restriction requirement is respectfully requested.

With respect to the election of mutant endonucleases, applicants note that the election is improper with respect to Group I because Group I covers both wild-type and mutant endonucleases. Applicants wish to elect wild-type endonucleases, however, no such election has been required. To that extent, this paper is fully responsive to the outstanding office action.

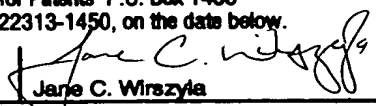
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